GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the foreign goods particularly from China have flooded the Indian markets;

(b): if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of indigenous small scale industries particularly cottage industries in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The export-import data for the period between 1999-2000 and 2003-04 indicate that while the exports of India have gone up by 83.9 per cent, the imports have increased by 66.8 per cent. Similarly, India`s imports from China have increased from 5,559 crore during 1999-2000 to Rs. 18,625 crore during 2003-04 while the exports from India to China have grown from 2,336 crore in 1999-2000 to Rs. 13,579 crore in 2003-04.

(c): The Government has put in place several measures to help small enterprises, including cottage industries, to become globally competitive. These include schemes/programmes for technology upgradation, development of clusters of such industries, making bank credit of upto Rs. 5 lakh available without collateral, 75 per cent credit guarantee for loans upto to Rs. 25 lakh, creating awareness among these industries regarding export-related issues and sensitizing them to the emerging challenges of trade liberalization, reimbursement of the cost of obtaining ISO 9000/14001 certification upto Rs. 75,000, reimbursement of registration fee upto Rs. 15,000 for adopting bar coding of products, etc.

The Government has also put in place appropriate trade- defence mechanisms, such as import licensing safeguards against surge in imports and anti-dumping measures to provide protection to domestic industries, including small and cottage industries.